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NEW ORLEANS, January 27.—The examination of Gov. Wells was continued. In regard to the abstraction of forty or fifty affidavits filed by the Conservative counsel in the case of Natchitochez, he stated that all the papers from which the Board made their report were taken charge of by the clerks, and that he knew nothing directly of the disposition made of the papers after the Board had completed their sessions. In relation to the White League matter and

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and that he should not sit as Judge. Soon after that the Committee of Seventy held a meeting and sent a committee to his house to demand of him that he sign a written agreement not to take part in the coming campaign, which he declined doing, whereupon one of the committee pulled out his watch and told him that he had half an hour in which to sign the paper; that he refused, telling them if they meant to assassinate to do it at his office, or on the street, and to spare his family from witnessing murder; that during the campaign he was insulted time and again. When he went to make a speech, men congregated with bowie-knives in sight, but on the approach of a company of cavalry they secreted their arms.

There was not, continued the witness, a fair registration in the parish. Republicans were prevented from taking an active part in the campaign. A mass meeting was held, and from that a committee was sent to call for the resignations of the parish officers, and threats were made to hang one of them. He then recounted an attempt made to take his life on the night the votes were being counted, and when he was

Fired at Three Times,

and retreated to the Court House, reached his home, and was kept there a week, fearing to leave lest his life should be taken. Finally he escaped, but learned that two Texas desperadoes had been employed to take his life, and that their employer was none other than his own law partner, Wm. Levy, Congressman elect, who, he subsequently stated, he had some difficulty with, but its character was not given. A negro man was shot because he had snapped a cap at a white man. I don't say this was for political purposes. I think there were White Leaguers in the parish. Men were armed, and colored men were afraid to go about at night. The majority of the Republicans in my parish ought to have been 1,800, and at the election it was only twenty-six. The parish is

Not Safe Now for Republicans.

I am told that I would be hung if I returned. I had a difficulty with Col. Levy, but will not state the circumstances. As far as I know, the murders committed in the parish were not for political purposes. At one poll in Natchitoches sixteen hundred and seventy colored men could not vote, and about three hundred did not register. Bad feeling among the people has only existed since last July. Before this parish was very quiet. This discontent is probably due to a desire for office among the people.

Another Cause for Ill-feeling

is the large debt which burdens the parish contracted partly by Democrats and Republicans. The tax rate is about eight per cent. Land is assessed at ten dollars per acre. The people have the greatest respect for the National Government. The Fusion ticket carried the parish in 1872. There was no intimidation then.

Hoar—You state that the colored vote in 1872 was smaller than in 1874, and yet there was intimidation in 1874 and none in 1872. How do you account for this?

Pierson—I decline to answer that question.

Mr. Hoar—You were Supervisor in 1872, and don't wish to convict yourself.

Witness—Nearly all the white men who came from the country put on badges and acted as policemen, and thus prevented five hundred colored men from voting. I changed my politics on the 4th of July, 1874, because I thought that Natchitochez was a Republican parish. There are some Democratic colored men in the parish, but they are confined to the town of Natchitocher. The white Republicans number thirty. Since last July about six colored men have been killed, some by white men and others by colored men, but I do not know that it was for political purposes. I might think that the ill-feeling and discontent among the people might be due to the opinion that the Kellogg Government was a usurpation, but for the vindictive manner with which I am persecuted, and I defy any man to prove any charges against my personal character. There is

A Good Deal of Stealing,

petty larceny, in the parish, and the colored people form a majority of the thieves. The McEnery appointees are now holding their offices in the parish. The charge against Judge Myers, which made him so unpopular, was that he was corrupt. He was connected with a ring which was endeavoring to fasten a debt upon the State. The Democrats and Republicans were both corrupt. I made a charge against Judge Myers that he had embezzled more than $10,000 of the school funds. These funds were partly the cause of the feeling against Judge Myers. I was commissioned as Parish Judge in August, 1874, and ran for the Legislature in October while I was Parish Judge.

A Military Officer's Testimony.

Lieut. Wm. Gerlach, Third United States Infantry, stationed at Shreveport, then took the stand, and testified as to violence, intimation, etc., at Shreveport, stating that quite a number of the Republican leaders

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 1875.

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GOLD closed in New York yesterday at 113.

NELLY GRANT and husband arrived in New York yesterday.

THERE is a good prospect that the Ohio river improvement will receive $200,000 aid from Congress.

THE fire in the Navy Department at Washington was evidently the work of an incendiary. The evidence of this was too palpable for doubt.

THE reports from the coal fleet down the river are favorable and unfavorable. The break-up in the ice foundered two steamers, but the main portion of the fleet escaped.

THE importance attached to the idea that King Alphonso will co-operate with his troops is amusing. A boy of seventeen is not usually very remarkable for military strategy.

THAT high-toned, and honorable soldier, Colonel Morrow, who is so discreet, proves to have been Andy Johnson's private Secretary, and is a bitter Democrat. Hence his Shreveport report.

COLORADO and New Mexico have not a very strong chance of being admitted as States. Aside from the meagreness of their population, there are difficulties as to the character of that population. It is considerably made up of Spanish, or Mexican and Indian elements,—not the most promising material for full-fledged American citizens.

THE *Post* fails to meet the obvious and important fact that the movement to repeal the local option law in the House comes from Democrats, and that Speaker Patterson constituted the Committee on Vice and Immorality in the interest of the repeal of that law. He insulted the temperance element by selecting the Chairman of that committee from their ranks, while making the majority of the committee against him. Side remarks will not obscure the palpable fact that the Democracy as a party, are going for free rum.

THE subject of revenue increase, as recommended by the President's special message, has developed investigation that renders it entirely certain that the tariff on tea and coffee will produce little or no revenue for a year or more, owing to the fact that vast stocks of those articles are held in this country. On the other hand, the stock of liquors is extremely low, and an increase of duty on these would be immediately productive of revenue. The practical course would, therefore, be to put the tax on liquors, and leave tea and coffee alone.

OF COURSE, the design of the repeal of the two-thirds rule was to open the way for all kinds of swindling schemes. Does not the New York *Tribune* say so, and is not that paper remarkable for its devotion to truth? What pure motive could the majority in Congress have for repealing that rule? Do they not propose to pass the Civil Rights and the Army Appropriation bills? And are not these bills a swindle on the virtuous and innocent White Leaguers at the South? What honest purpose can there be in maintaining an army, when that army is used to protect "niggers" and white Republicans? The New York *Tribune* includes the Texas Pacific in the dishonesties intended. Does the *Post* endorse this?

THE evidence of ex-Governor Wells, of Louisiana, given before the committee at New Orleans, answers a double purpose. It shows that the Foster-Phelps committee did not seek him, although he was the most important witness relative to affairs in Rapides parish, on which they assumed to report. Also, that there did and does exist the most positive terrorism in that Parish, and that it was not a matter of hearsay, but of positive knowledge with him. He was reported by the former committee to have acted on hearsay. The story he tells is painfully interesting, as illustrating how extreme is the terrorism in portions of Louisiana. We are confident the report of the present committee will contain very important additions of evidence, as compared with that already made.

THE indebtedness and assets of cities must now be stated, under the law of the State bearing on the subject, and Controller Brown, of Allegheny, has given through our columns, the condition of Allegheny, financially. The total indebtedness is given at $1,624,5000, and the assets amount to $3,708,642.76, leaving a balance in favor of the city of $2,144,141.76. The value of taxable property is given at $56,056,257. This is an admirable showing, and answers, so far as Allegheny is concerned, the several allegations of extravagance made by the Democratic press. The millage of the tax levy has also been reduced, a fact which, we do not doubt, will call forth enthusiastic plaudits from the *Post*. We compliment our friends in Allegheny on their excellent financial condition, and assume that it will steadily improve,—their lands and properties growing in value, while their indebtedness will be gradually reduced. We will be able to publish the report of the Controller of this city within a few days, when the condition of the finances here will be before us for comment.

THE PROCLAMATION.

Much ado is made about the Mayor's Proclamation of a city election, to be held on the third Tuesday of February. Some of our neighbors charge the GAZETTE with dereliction in withholding it from the public, assigning, among other reasons for its suppression, that the "*ins* have more money than the *outs*." We hope it will comfort both ins and outs and our unneighborly neighbors also, to be informed that the GAZETTE will publish the Proclamation as required, and within the period prescribed by law. We think we know our duty in the premises and propose to perform it faithfully.

THE PRINTING ORDINANCE.

The exact nature of the ordinance being framed by the Committee of Allegheny Councils, to regulate the printing contract, has been made the subject of considerable discussion by our contemporaries. The *Commercial* and *Post* have taken the very just view that if an attempt is made to comply with law, it shall be done strictly and fully. It is as much a violation of law to exceed its requirements, as to come short of them. The law requires that the contract shall be awarded to the "lowest responsible bidder." This is all that it requires. Two papers, one of which has called the members of Councils "thieves and jobbers" have urged that circulation be taken into account. This is in excess of law; but were character of circulation, and the class among whom it is had considered, it would be less objectionable than it is,—although plainly violative of law, in that it is in excess of law. There are journals, for example, of the sensational type, whose principal circulation is among classes that are but little interested, or affected by the city government; others whose circulation is chiefly among business classes, and property holders, whose interest in Council proceedings is very large. To force these persons to take a journal distasteful to them, in order to obtain the intelligence they desire, is obviously wrong. A journal of good taste, after calling members of Councils "thieves and jobbers" would not seek their patronage, but the abuse employed we find to be but a method of reaching patronage.

The only reason we have heard alleged that impressed us with force why circulation, as to quantity and not as to quality, should be taken is, that by this means certain worthless papers could be shut out. In our view the term "responsible" will enable them to do this. The term has been decided, over and over, to be a comprehensive one, covering more than the mere item of financial responsibility, and includes considerations that apply to the particular contract in hand. It is thus, in our judgment, better that Councils shall confine themselves to the strict letter of the law. If they go farther, quality has as much to do with the value of circulation as quantity does. The safe plan, however, is to follow the terms of the law, and go no farther.

RECONSTRUCTION ERRORS.

We are among those who have grave fears that the Republican party has made some mistakes, which will yet seriously,—although but temporarily, we hope,—endanger its success, unless vigorous measures are promptly employed. First in the list is that of a too generous reconstruction of the Southern States since the war. The first impulses of the party, and the judgment of President Lincoln on the subject of reconstruction were right. These were, that time was necessary, both for the assuaging of the bitterness of the war, and the education of the blacks at the South up to the proper standard of intelligence. Hence the first impulse was to remand the rebellious States for a decade or more, to provisional Government, and thus hold them firmly to obedience to law, protect life and property, open them to settlement and cultivation, and admit and develop, thus, enough of Northern population to secure the States against the violence of sanctioned and conquered rebel wrath. It was the only proper policy to follow. It was impossible, in the nature of things, to expect that native Southerners would take kindly to the new order of things. They had grown up, accustomed to slavery, and trained to regard themselves superior, in race as well as education, to the blacks. These views had grown into prejudices so sensitive, that the mere abridgment of their demand to be permitted to take their slaves to any part of the Union was one of the causes of irritation that induced them to plunge into rebellion. It was utterly absurd to suppose that the beliefs and prejudices of a life-time could be dissipated in four or five years. It was particularly absurd to imagine that these people, with the smart and impoverishment of their defeat upon them, and with the freed blacks among them as a continual reminder of what they considered their shame, would gladly and kindly fall in with and adopt the new order of things. All their antipathies would be against the system, and the hot Southern blood, and violent Southern passion were sure to turn against any identified with it. Reconstruction gave full liberty to all these violent purposes, and we have the results we should have anticipated.

The extremely liberal Reconstruction policy adopted is quite largely attributable to the influence of Horace Greeley. His creed formulated immediately at the close of the rebellion, "impartial amnesty, and universal suffrage," was urged with great earnestness and force. His humanitarianism was peculiarly ardent, and the opportunity of exercising it on a large scale that then offered, was not to be put aside. We do not challenge the motives that moved him. We believe he uttered convictions that were among the most profound in his nature. But these overbalanced his judgment, and led him to believe two things that have not been realized: 1. That the rebels would be grateful for the amnesty conferred; and 2. That the negroes would be permitted to peacefully record their votes, and would thereby overcome any dangers that might arise from the rebel vote going to the Democratic party. The rebels have not been grateful, and the negroes have been overawed by terrorism.

The Republican party, in the first flush of victory, was disposed to be generous. It was far more ready to listen to generous than severe and arbitrary counsels. No measure of kindness and forbearance, on the part of the Government, was harshly criticised, and Davis and Lee when at liberty were absolutely safe against insult or mistreatment of any kind. The work of relieving disabilities was pushed forward with marvelous rapidity, liberality equal to and even exceeding that of the Divine government being manifested in pardoning rebels on their mere asking. Thus swiftly and generously did the General Government confer on the rebellious people that had so bitterly resisted its authority, even to violence, blood, and death, all the rights and privileges they had heretofore enjoyed, and lavished its means in aiding them to repair their wasted fortunes. What is the result?

1. There is an utter lack of gratitude, and a re-development of all the evil passions that were so potential in bringing on the war. We would like to think true the assumptions of the Democratic press, that the people in all the Southern States are sincerely and gratefully loyal to the General Government, and only hostile to corruption in their own midst. But there is no evidence furnished that at all impresses us with the truth of this assumption. If they war against corruption only why do they kill unoffending negroes and white Republicans, when neither of these are in office or power? Why do they seek to dominate the polls by intimadation or actual and outrageous corruption? If they so bitterly detest corruption in others, why are they not pure themselves? The truth cannot be blinked or denied. The old rebel element is rebellious still. Afraid to put forth organized effort, they stealthily assassinate, terrorize and devastate, until all sentiment favorable to the general Government is driven out and they are left with their bitter hostility to exercise full sway. We do not seek to control their convictions, but we declare on the most positive evidence, that the ungrateful rebels do mistreat or murder those having views friendly to the Government.

2. They aim, by violence, to recover power, for the purpose of reaching through forms of law what they failed to accomplish, by force of arms. We regard the situation, in this point of view, as quite critical. Their quick, restless and violent energy certainly is gaining, and has gained for them, power in the South. The recent successes of their partners at the North, the Democratic party, has led them to utter their convictions with but little disguise. These point to a purpose to throw on the country the burthen of reimbursing them certain of the losses of the war. How far they will go beyond this remains to be seen. Ascendancy and full recompense for the losses of the war are what are now being definitely sought.

We greatly fear the Republicans in Congress, in whose hands the fate of the party largely rests, are not so united and vigorous as the occasion demands. The time has come when positive measures of legislation are needed, and yet there is but little purpose manifested to meet the emergency. There is need of something positive to revive business, and other legislation, equally positive, to protect the lives of the people at the South who may happen to sympathize with the Government. We have not the space, at this time, to point out, even generally, the measures that are needed. But there is a very palpable necessity for unity, vigor and positiveness, and this with the view to such measures as will give Republicans a fair opportunity to fairly prosecute their cause before the people in the Falls of 1875 and 1876.

Howls and Yells.

To the Editors of the Pittsburgh Gazette:

GREENVILLE, PA., Jan. 20, 1875.

No fury is so relentless as that of a hungry wolf: nothing is so ravenous as a half-starved Democrat snuffing the aroma of the official kitchen from afar. Hence the present Democratic howls over the Louisiana awfulness—howls that drown the historic rebel yell into a pewee's pensive plaint. The yell was lost with the "Lost Cause." The howl is the natural voice of the new rebellion, which an overlenient Government has warmed into life out of the old carcass of Secession. So that the howl and the yell are radically one and the same. The howl acquired its claim to its present hyena-falsetto in the result of last Fall's elections, when something like a ghost of its old glory was revived in the party of slavery. And the use which the party has made of these advantages, we think, will open the eyes of the masses to what they may expect if any further concessions to the old enemy be made, and the scorpion of secession has not yet stung itself to death.

In the recent attempted revolution in Louisiana, —or, rather, in the latest struggle of the partially-revived secret—there appears to the distempered Democratic vision but one person, one object—Sheridan, fiend of war, stalking through the capitol at New Orleans with drawn saber flushing overhead, driving before him the Constitution, the laws—and the Democratic party—the Banditti. The nacked Waltz, in the meantime, is lost sight of altogether. The fact that he and his fellow-conspirators, at the very moment of the appearance of the "monster," were overriding all right and law and order, comes not in for consideration. With such a bevy of wolves, argument is out of the question. The one fact that an opportunity for howling was offered is alone remembered, and howling only have we been permitted to hear, because a reasonable course of quiet investigations would be fatal to the Banditti party, North as well as South.

However, as a crazy man, left alone, will invariably exhaust himself, so have the howlers waxed hoarse, and just in time to discover how unreasonable was their rant—just in time to find that they had howled themselves out of all public confidence. President Grant's special message itself,—if any supplement to Sheridan's dispatches were needed,—ought to be enough to satisfy any patriot as to the justifiableness of the course of the latter in the Louisiana troubles. As a soldier and a citizen, General Sheridan could not do otherwise than proceed to put down treason wherever he finds it, and the President could not do otherwise than sanction such a course. In short, nothing was done by the troops in this case, that would not have been done in any State in the Union, *under the same circumstances*.

The trouble with the Democracy is not so much that they are grieved at this "outrage on constitutional liberty," as that they are ravenous for power, and propose, if possible, to make out of this *apparent* mistake another blockade runner, on which they hope to safely carry their party into the harbor at Washington in '76. We imagine, however, that the people will take care that this new Alabama shall follow in the wake of the old.

The Democratic party has again proven its intensest hostility to liberty, to justice, to right—to civilization, the Democratic party will again have to take a back seat. So far from being capable of wisely using power, that organization cannot even contemplate the prospect of its possession and retain its senses. Its course in the Louisiana affair is a fair premonition of what its course would be if placed in possession of the Government. As it was not deemed advisable to admit the Democratic party to power in the recent past, it will not be deemed advisable to so admit it now, as the spots on the leopard have not been in the least obliterated by subsequent events. The howl is simply the yell resurrected.

W. H. H. D.

EARLY WESLEYAN PREACHERS.

Small Allowance and Many Difficulties.

We find the following in the *Irish Evangelist* in reference to the early Wesleyan ministers:—For some years no stated provision whatever was made for the preacher At a later period the circuits were directed to pay, if they could, £8 quarterly for his clothes and books. Mather was the first who received an allowance for his wife —it amounted to four shillings a week. An additional allowance of twenty shillings a quarter was made for each child. When the preacher was at home, eighteen pence a day was allowed for his board; abroad he fed and lodged the people. It was no wonder that they should sometimes be "brought to the last shilling." In such a predicament it is related that Samuel Bradburn once wrote to Mr. Wesley an account of his sufferings, and that Mr. Wesley sent the following laconic reply, enclosing five pound notes:—"Dear Sammy—Trust in the Lord to do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.—Yours affectionately, John Wesley." Bradbury replied:—"Reverend and Dear Sir—I have often been struck with the beauty of the passage of Scripture quoted in your letter; but I must confess that I never saw such useful expository notes upon it before. I am, reverend and dear sir, your obedient and grateful servant, S. Bradburn." In 1787 Jonathan Crowther and Duncan M'Allam were appointed to Inverness. Their journey to it was adventurous and dangerous; their circuit was large and their allowance next to nothing, for Crowther received only fifty shillings for the whole year's labor. He wrote to Wesley:—"No man is fit for Inverness Circuit unless his flesh be brass, his bones iron and his heart harder than a stone's. If I were doing good I should be content. (if I had talents) to sacrifice seven lives every year; but to live in misery and die in banishment for next to nothing is afflicting indeed." When Thomas Taylor was in Glasgow he frequently desired his landlady not to provide anything for dinner, and a little before noon dressed himself, and walked out till after dinner, and then went home to his hungry room with a cruel appetite, and confesses that he never kept so many fast days either before or since. John Jane died in 1759, and Wesley thus notices his death in his journal:—"All his clothes, linen and woolen, his cloak, hat and wig, are not thought sufficient to answer his funeral expenses, which amount to £18s. 3d. All the money he had was 1s. 4d. enough for an unmarried preacher of the Gospel to leave."

PASSING AWAY.

Pretty but Sickly Girls.

The pale, bloodless faces of our American girls immediately attract the attention of an English visitor to this country, the contrast to the red, ruddy countenance of their own countrywomen being so marked. An English lady, upon visiting one of the Boston public schools, remarked, "I never saw before so many pretty girls together," and then added, "but they all look sick." The American young lady of the present time even manifests an aversion for ruddy, health-glowing cheeks, for pale and blood less faces give one such an intellectual appearance, you know. Mrs. Stowe tells us that the race of the handy, cheerful girls of the olden times are fast passing away. There is so much truth in her observations that we heard more years commenced and ended and will end on Friday than any other day of the week, therefore it is not a very uncommon thing after all, so that we need not be afraid of something going to happen," if "this year" does "begin and end on Friday." If people would throw away their superstitious notions about Friday, and consult the truth, they would find, after all, that Friday is like all the other days of the week.

W. C.

PERSONAL.

W. B. IRWIN served with gallantry on McClellan's staff.

MR. AND MRS. SARTORIS arrived at New York on Wednesday morning.

THE late Mrs. ANN White Vose, of Boston, in her will, just made public, bequeathed $355,000 to the public institutions of that city.

ISABELLA WALLACE, claiming descent from Sir William Wallace, died in England recently, at the age of one hundred and two years.

THE Secretary of the Treasury is still confined to his room from the effects of the sprain he received by slipping upon the Treasury steps on Friday last.

THE Rev. W. H. H. Murray has been presented with a gold watch and chain, valued at $700, by several members of his former congregation in Boston.

THE bones of Chang and Eng, wired together, stand in the private study of a Philadelphia doctor, while their poor wives split fence rails in their far-off North Carolina home.

A LITTLE boy named Matthews, who had been kindly treated at the Greenwich Seaman's Hospital, saved up his pennies and made a Christmas present to the institution of 6 shillings.

LADY CHANTRY's death makes available for the "encouragement of British fine art in painting and sculpture only," nearly $500,000, of which $1,500 a year will go to the Royal Academy.

MR. EVARTS, one of Beecher's counsel in the great trial, is said to be retained by Yale College to defend the preacher for $10,000. This the college does as a testimonial of its admiration for Beecher.

MISS ELLA FOSTER, daughter of the well-known Stephen and Abby Foster, of Worcester, has been engaged to fill a high position in one of Cincinnati's educational institutions at a salary of $1,200 per year.

ALGERNON SYDNEY PADDOCK, the new United States Senator from Nebraska, is of Puritan ancestry, and is distantly related to Gideon Welles and Senator Sherman. He has been a resident of Nebraska since 1856.

THE Emperor of Germany presented to Count Moltke and Prince Bismarck, as Christmas gifts, miniature models, carefully executed, of the Column of Victory at Berlin, commemorating the last three victorious campaigns.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE has had just a trifle of a success in Maine. The Rev. Miss Harris, of Hallowell, officiated as chaplain in the State Senate one day last week, being the first woman who ever performed that service in the Legislature.

IT was Henry Fielding who began the practice, now so common, of putting the marriages and deaths together in newspapers. This was in the *Jacobite's Journal*, set up by Fielding in 1747, one number of which was illustrated by a wood-cut of Hogarth's.

A CHICAGO tombstone reads: "John L. Wilson's wife, took sick on the 15 November with a chill her sickness had been dropsy and lung fever or the consumption Died June 4 1871 her age is 51 year 9 mos & 4 days her youngest brother had to HANDLE her for 7 mos & 24 days and nights.

PERSONS who can live at all in Brazil live a great while. They have a man who dances on his knee his grandchildren's grandchildren. At Ceara, in that country, there is a woman in prison who was sentenced for life November 6, 1815. She was then sixty years old. She is therefore 119 years old now.

MR. MARK ALEXANDER, of Mecklenburg county, Virginia, has deposited with the Virginia Historical Society a pair of silver spurs which were worn by John Randolph, of Roanoke. One of the rowels is broken out, possibly the result of one of Mr. Rondolph's sudden impulses when his horse did not go to suit him.

HISTORY repeats itself. At the recent "indignation meeting" to denounce the protection of the freedmen, one of the principal speaker was George Ticknor Curtis, who, as United States Commissioner in 1851, sent Thomas M. Simms back to slavery. Another—James S. Thayer—is the same man who, in the city of Albany in 1861, said that if "Lincoln's minions dare coerce the South, rebellion will first run *north* of that line that Owen Lovejoy has drawn, and the streets of the metropolis will gush with blood."

SOON after the cross-examination of Mr. Moulton commenced on Monday, in the Brooklyn trial, he was called out of the room to receive the news that his mother had suddenly died a few minutes before. The blow struck Mr. Moulton down, but soon recovering, he said: "I have a duty to perform here also; and I insist upon finishing my testimony in this case before I leave." He resumed the stand, and went on under the ordeal of the cross-examination with as much composure as could be commanded under the sad affliction.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

THE enrolled militia of Massachusetts numbers 217,147 men.

MASSACHUSETTS railroads carried last year over forty-two million passengers.

ANOTHER young English lady has been reduced to ashes in Greiner's furnace at Dresden.

THERE are 45,714 white and 58,984 colored children who attend school in the State of South Carolina.

A KENTUCKY paper endeavors to pay a delicate compliment to a favorite actress by calling her a "sweet little red-haired chandelier kicker."

AT Indianapolis, recently, the family of a dying man quarreled so fiercely about a will he was about to sign that the police had to interfere to restore order.

HENRY T. MARTIN, Deputy Sheriff of Alexander county, Illinois, committed suicide last Tuesday night, by shooting himself through the head with a revolver.

BY the expulsion of the Sisters of Charity from Mexico, forty-three charitable establishments are closed, and four hundred and ten sisters are sent out of the country.

THE Chicago reporter is too erudite to write that a man is "stopping" at a hotel when he is only staying there. In point of fact, the reporter doesn't use the verb. He says "John Smith autographed yesterday."

A CONNECTICUT inventor has conceived the idea of supplying runners to wheeled carriages, to be made in such a manner that they can be strapped on each wheel and convert a wagon into a sleigh at a moment's notice.

A CURIOUS case was recently before one of the Paris Courts, in which a mother tried to set aside the will of her deceased son, who had directed that he should be buried without religious ceremonies. The Court decided against her.

THE laborers employed on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad in West Virginia, have given notice that, unless their pay is raised from the present rate, $1.45 per day, to $1.50, by the 10th of March, they will strike. They are willing to work on the 12-hour system, provided they are paid $1.50.

IN the mortuary report for the District of Columbia, prepared and published each week by the Board of Health, some remarkable facts are developed. Among others, taking the week ending January 16, the mortality of the white population was at the rate of 29.8 per 1,000, and that of the colored population 58.5 per 1,000. The increase of the white population by births over deaths, 7.28 per 1,000; while the decrease of the colored population by deaths over births was at the rate of 23.4 per 1,000 per annum.

HOW much cloth does it require to make a spirit wrapper?—*Providence Journal.* About a knell.—*Lowell Courier.* Somebody called him.—*Boston Advertiser.* Grave jokes all.—*New York World.* And not pleasant in these coughing times.—*Hartford Times.* This is tomb'uch.—*Danbury News.* Any further joke on this subject would be a great undertaking.—*N. Y. Com. Advertiser.* Such punning is enough to "make church-yards yawn."—*Pittsburgh Gazette.*

THE following is the lament of a Boston woman:

"My husband's crosser than a bear,
And won't give me a thing to wear;
When I of him the reason axes,
He grumbles, 'Those confounded taxes.'"

Her fate is a sad one. She can never enjoy life as much as the gushing Brooklyn woman, who has access to her husband's purse whenever she feels like it, and sings, merrily:

"My husband's good as he can be;
Says he, 'My love,' says he to me,
'Take all you want, for Heaven's sake,
Ere taxes leave you none to take.'"

JULIAN BERNERS, in a tract on hunting, printed by Wynkyn de Worde in 1496, gives as "ye propryties of a good horse:" The propryties of a good horse: A horse sholde have fifteen good proprytes and condycions; that is, to wyte, three of a man, three of a woman, three of a woman, three of a foxe, three of a haare, and three of an asse. Of a man, bolde prowde, and hardye; of a woman, fayre breasted, fayre of heere, and easy to move: of a foxe, a fyne tayll, short eeres, with a good trotee: of a haare, a grete eye, a dry heed, and well rennying: of an asse, a bygge chyun, flat legge, and a good hoof.

THE cigar dealers in Binghamton suffered loss by the depredations of a man with an umbrella. His plan was to enter the store and ask for a cigar, meanwhile hanging his umbrella by its hooked handle on the show-case. When the clerk handed him a box of cigars to select from he took one and handed over a one, two or five dollar bill. When the clerk turned about to make the change the customer dropped a number of cigars into his umbrella, took the change and walked out, carelessly drawing the umbrella tips together and stepping off as dignified as an acting corporal. The man was caught in the act, after his movements had been watched for some weeks, but he settled the case.

THE FAIRY WEDDING.

A little brown mother-bird sat in her nest,
With four sleepy birdlings tucked under her breast,
And her querulous chirrup fell ceaseless and low,
While the wind rocked the lilac-tree nest to and fro.

"Lie still, little nestlings! lie still while I tell,
For a lullaby story, a thing that befell
Your plain little mother one midsummer morn,
A month ago, birdies—before you were born.

"I'd been dozing and dreaming the long summer night,
Till the dawn flushed its pink through the waning moonlight;
When—I wish you could hear it once!'—faintly there fell
All around me the silvery sound of a bell.

"Then a chorus of bells! So, with just half an eye,
I peeped from the nest, and those lilies close by,
With threads of a cobweb, were swung to and fro
By three little rollicking midgets below.

"Then the air was astir as with humming bird's wings!
And a cloud of the tiniest, daintiest things
That ever one dreamed of, came fluttering where
A cluster of trumpet-flowers swayed in the air.

"As I sat all a-tremble, my heart in my bill,—
'I will stay by the nest,' thought I, 'happen what will;'
So I saw with these eyes by that trumpet-vine fair,
A whole fairy bridal train poised in the air.

"Such a bit of a bride! Such a marvel of grace!
In a shimmer of rainbows and gossamer lace;
No wonder the groom dropped his diamond-dust ring,
Which a little elf-usher just caught with his wing.

"Then into the trumpet-flower glided the train,
And I thought (for a dimness crept over my brain,
And I tucked my head under my wing)
'Heavens!
What a sigh for a plain little mother like me!'"

—*Mary A. Lathbury, St. Nicholas for Feb'ry.*

HUMOROUS.

WHEN the hundred Englishmen reach here to look at our buffaloes, "The 'orn of the 'unter will be 'eard on the 'ill."

THE exclamation of the Minnesota sheep-breeder, whose pasture was devastated by the grasshoppers: "Where's the ewes?"

A SCHOOLBOY has put on paper the fact that he would "rather be a little girl and obey his mother than be a dog and obey the moon."

AN exchange gives this eulogy pronounced over the coffin of a deceased Tennessean: "Thar lays a man who'd give his last chaw terbacker to a starvin' stranger, and then pay him fur spittin'." A great great and good man, certainly.

"PRAY, Miss Primrose, do you like steamboats?" inquired a gentleman of a fair friend to whom he was paying his addresses. "Oh! pretty well," replied the lady, "but I'm exceedingly fond of a smack." The lover took the hint, and impressed a chaste salute on the lips of the blushing damsel.

"SIT down, sit down," said a judge to an impertinent limb of the law, "I cannot entertain your ridiculous proposition." "But my necessity." "But my necessity." "Yes, yes, your necessity—I admit your necessity—I understand—I admit your necessity—I admit you are a necessity yourself, or at least the next thing to it, for 'necessity knows no law.'"

A BELVIDERE man who was taking a King Charles Spaniel as a present to a lady, left the basket in a bar-room while he got his horse and sleigh, and then started on his way rejoicing. He probably rejoiced less when he opened his basket and found that a facetious friend had, during his absence, taken out the dog and substituted a miserable little invalid kitten.

THE latest chromo story comes from down East, where a Sunday school teacher said to one of her pupils, "Johnny, why don't you invite your friend Billy to come to Sunday school?" Johnny looked up with a grin full of intention, and equally full of teeth, and said, "I know yer, teacher; you want to get billy inter the class, so's you can get a chromo for a new scholar."

A STORY is told of a negro in Virginia whose master threatened to give him a flogging if he boiled his eggs hard again. "Now, mind, nothing the eggs came to the table still harder than before. "You rascal!" shouted the enraged planter, "didn't I tell you to cook those eggs soft?" "Yes, massa," said the frightened slave, "an' I got up at two o'clock dis morning, an' biled dem five hours, an' it seems to me I never kin get dose eggs softer."

Concerning the Tar-Marks of Butter Casks.

The Hon. John Shattuck, a noted butter dairyman, of Chenango county, N. Y., said, at the late convention of the New York State Dairymen's Association, that he had found the color on the inside of the ear to be one infallible guide in the selection of a good butter cow. If the skin on the inside the ear is of a rich yellow color, the cow was sure to give a good quality of milk; that is, milk rich in butter. He said in all his experience he had never known this sign to fail. Mr. J. W. North, in the *Maine Farmer*, gives some further information concerning the subject. He observes that cows producing very high-colored butter have a large amount of secretion, in many instances the whole internal surface being covered with a thick, orange-colored, oily matter; on the other hand, the light-colored butter-makers present a scanty, thin, and pale yellow secretion, in some cases found only at the bottom if the ear. His theory is that every animal has the power of secreting a certain amount of this yellow pigment. If the quantity be sufficiently large, secretion will take place by the skin of the mammary glands, the ear and skin. If, however, the production be limited, the tendency may be wholly toward the milk glands and *our*, causing the animal to exhibit a pink hide, or the skin may be altogether pale. The yellow matter applied to the body, the butter in consequence being light-colored; or there may be so little coloring matter evolved as to furnish none to the skin, and a very scanty supply to the ear and milk. In selecting Jersey cows, in order to judge in regard to the color of their butter, he recommends that the ear be inspected. Dr. Sinrtevant, in his recent address before the Connecticut State Board of Agriculture, attributed to this color of the ear in selecting cows, but he thought some caution should be observed in clearing away the secretion that may have accumulated on the skin, so that the true color of the skin on the inside of the ear may be seen. Otherwise the accumulated secretion, if taken for the true color of the skin inside the ear might deceive, as it might be darker, or exhibit a different color than the inside skin. He regarded the color of the ear as a good guide in respect to the color of the butter which the cow would yield.

Hygienic Power of the Sun.

Sleepless people—and there are many in America—should court the sun. The very worst soporific is laudanum; and the very best is sunshine. Therefore it is very plain that poor sleepers should pass as many hours of the day in sunshine, and as few as possible in the shade. Many women are martyrs, and yet do not know it. They shut the sunshine out of their houses and hearts, they wear veils, they carry parasols, they do all that is possible to keep off the subtle and yet most potent influence which is intended to give them strength and beauty and cheerfulness. Is it not time to change all this, and to seek health and color in our pale cheeks, strength in our weakness, and courage in our timid souls? The women of America are pale and delicate; they may be blooming and strong, and the sunlight will be a potent influence in this transformation.

Medical Properties of Eggs.

The white of an egg has proved of late the most efficacious remedy for burns. Seven or eight successive applications of this substance soothes pain, and effectually exclude the burn from light. This simple remedy seems to be preferable to collodion or even cotton. Extraordinary stories are told of the healing properties of a new oil which is easily made from the yolk of hen's eggs. The eggs are first boiled hard, and the yolks are then removed, crumbled and placed over a fire, where they are carefully stirred until the whole substance is at a point of catching fire, when the oil separates and may be poured off. One yolk will yield more than two teaspoonfuls of oil. It is in general use among the colonists of South Russia, as a means of curing cuts, bruises and scratches.

Liniment for Wounds and Sprains.

Horses and cattle are liable to sprains in cold weather from slipping on the ice, and horses often get "calked." I have found the following an excellent embrocation for such injuries. It should be well rubbed in when applied to sprains. It is good for rheumatism if well rubbed in while exposed to a hot fire:—Oils origanum, anise and spike, each one ounce; spirits of turpentine, one ounce; aqua ammonia, one ounce, and alcohol, three ounces. Shake well before using. The bottle should be kept securely corked.—*Cor. Country Gentleman.*

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Fine English Alpacas at 25 cents, former price 37½c, all colors.

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40-inch fine Brown Muslin at 10 cts.
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Special discount to those purchasing by the dozen.

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DAILY GAZETTE.

FINANCIAL.

Latest Advices Concerning Money and Stock Matters.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, THURSDAY, January 28, 1875.

There was a quiet condition of things at the banks and in business circles yesterday. No new developments, however, of special interest, of any kind. There is still the same uncertainty as to the business future that we have heretofore noted, but beyond this, no new features. Our latest exchanges from all the seaboard cities show that financial affairs are very quiet and that rates of interest are very low. Almost the only feature is a firmer feeling in gold, which grows out of the warlike news from Europe. We note, however, that this warlike news seems to have no effect in the London money market, as the rate of discount in the open market in London has declined to 3¼ per cent. for three mo nths' bills.

—Eight per cents. of the State of Louisiana, in aid of the branch from Vermillionville to Shreveport of the New Orleans, Mobile & Texas Railroad, under the act of April 29, 1871, have been declared invalid by a decision of the Superior Court in that State.

—The syndicate which negotiated the last loan of the Government, or, rather, refunded the old 6 per cent. loans into new 5 per cents, the said syndicate being composed of several well known American and European bankers, and the same who agreed to take the balance of the said 5 per cent. funding loan, have come to the conclusion with the Treasury to extend the time wherein they proposed to carry out their contract six months from the 1st of February. As the Secretary has not been offer from other quarters, it is understood, that he will be compelled to grant the request. This extension, it is understood, does not imply any ultimate failure on the part of the syndicate to market the new bonds, but is made necessary by unforeseen circumstances.

—A few days ago we noted the fact that in the first six days after the President signed the new finance bill there were applications from new banks for $3,000,000 of circulation. We find it stated now that applications have been received by the Comptroller for no less than twenty-two new banks, with an aggregate capital of $4,000,000, though how many of these are asked for by these banks we do not know. One of the proposed banks is to be in New York, with a capital of $1,000,000, while the capital of all the other banks, located chiefly in New England and the West, is about $100,000.

—The Directors of the Northern Pacific Railroad Company have directed the call of a meeting of the bondholders of their company, which call has been published, the meeting to be held at the office of the company, No. 23 Fifth avenue, New York, on the 18th of March next. The object of the meeting is for a conference and action concerning their interest, generally, and especially in relation to any action Congress may take on the company's application now pending before it.

—The news from Tennessee, that the Legislature has repealed the special provision of the refunding bill for setting apart means to pay interest on the State bonds, appears to have had a depressing effect on the market for the securities of that State, old 6s suffering a drop of 2 per cent. and selling at 59, ex coupon, and new 6s selling at 49, a decline of 1½ per cent.

—A Government railroad from Norfolk to Texas is one of the talks of the day, as is the improvement of the Mississippi, in which the States of Louisiana, Arkansas and Mississippi are so much interested.

—The amount of bullion gone into the Bank of England on balance yesterday, is £202,000.

Luther S. Kaufman, Broker, No. 96 Fourth avenue, furnishes the following quotations of bonds and stocks from the latest advices by telegraph:

	Opened.	Asked
Money		2%
Gold	112⅝	113
U. S. 5Lxes—1867—coupon	119	119½
5-20 1862	115⅝	
" 1865	119¼	119⅝
" 1865 new	118¾	
" 1867	119¾	
" 1868—coupons	119⅝	119⅝
10-40's	116⅛	116¼
Currency 6's	119⅝	119⅝
New 5 per cents.	114⅝	114⅝
10-40's—coupons	116¼	116¼
RAILWAYS.		
New York Central	102¼	102½
Erie	29	29⅛
C. C. & I. C.	8	
St. Paul	37⅝	38¼
Michigan Southern	74½	74⅝
Do Central	79⅜	79⅝
North Western Common	44⅜	44¾
Do. Pref.	59	59¼
Rock Island	102⅝	103
Cleveland & Pittsburgh	92¾	
Pacific Mail	34¼	34½
Western Union Telegraph	72¾	73
Ohio & Mississippi	27⅞	28
Union Pacific	37½	38½
Toledo & Wabash	15⅜	15½
Hartford	127	
Adams Express	98⅝	
American Express	62	62½
U. S. Express	50¾	50¾
W., Fargo & Co Express		85½
Fort Wayne	98	98¼
Chantiald & St. Joseph	20⅜	21
Panama	111	111

Luther S. Kaufman furnishes the following quotations of active stock on the Philadelphia Stock Board to-day:

	Bid.	Ask.
P. R. R.	56⅝	
" " scrip	103½	
Reading	26	
United Cos. of N. J.	120½	120⅝
Old Colony	15	
Lehigh Valley	62	
Central Pennsylvania	43¾	
A. V. R. R. 7-20		90
P. C. & St. L. 7's	82	83½

NEW YORK, January 27, 1874.

Money 2½@3; prime mercantile paper 4@6. Sterling 486@486½ for sixty days and 489½@489¾ for sight. Gold was strong, opening at 112¾ and closing at 113. The carrying rates were 2 to 4. The Assistant Treasurer disbursed $345,000. The clearings were $33,000,000. The specie engagements for to-morrow's steamers are $800,000. Government bonds were active and strong. Railroad bonds were firm, with good business. State bonds were steady. On the Stock Exchange there was an unsettled feeling, growing out of the recent failures and reports from the West of continual war among the railroad companies, and a reduction of passenger fares and freight rates. The market opened weak and declined ½ to ¾. After the first call became strong, and declined ¾ to 1⅛, with the chief advance in Western Union, Lake Shore, and Atlantic & Pacific Telegraph. Erie and Wabash were exceptionally weak. Towards the close the market was heavy, and New York Central, Western Union, Rock Island, Lake Shore and Ohio being the features, the whole list showing a decline for the day of ¾ to 1¾ per cent. There were a large number of transactions in Lake Shore, seller 60, at a difference of 1 per cent. below regular sales. The transactions amounted to 160,000 shares, of which 5,000 were Pacific Mail, 46,000 Western Union, 12,000 Northwest common, 7,000 Erie, 34,000 Lake Shore, 13,000 Ohios, 6,000 Wabash, and 5,000 Union Pacific.

Government.—U. S. coupons of 1881, 116¾@5-32". do of '62, 115⅝; do of '64, 117¾; do of '65, 118⅛; do of '65, new, 118¼; do of '67, 119⅛; do of '68, 119⅛; new 5s, 115⅝; 10-40s, 116¼; currency 6s, 119⅝.

Stocks.—Canton, 61; Western Union Telegraph Company, 73¾; Quicksilver, 35½; Adams Express, 99; Wells, Fargo & Co.'s Express, 85½; American Merchants Union Express, 62¾; United States Express, 95½; Pacific Mail 34⅝; New York Central, 102½; Erie, 29⅛; do preferred, 44; Harlem, 128; do preferred, 125; Michigan Central, 78½; Pittsburgh 92¾; Northwestern common, 46¾; do preferred, 58½; Rock Island, 103½; New Jersey Central, 107¾; Ret, Paul, 36½; do preferred, 57; Toledo & Wabash, 15⅝; do, preferred, 29; Fort Wayne, 98½; Terre Haute, 7; do preferred, 20; Chicago & Alton, 105; do preferred, 108; Ohio & Mississippi, 27½; Cleveland, Columbus & Cincinnati, 69; Hannibal & Quincy, 108; Lake Shore, 74; Panama, 85½; Illinois Central, 96; Union Pacific, 36½; Central Pacific, 96¾; Union, 92¾; Delaware & Lackawanna, 103¾.

LONDON, January 27—5 P. M.—The amount of bullion gone into the Bank of England on balance to-day is £252,000. The rate of discount in open market for three months' bills is 3 1-16 per cent., or 15-16 below the Bank of England rate. Consols for money and account 92¾@92¾; 8-20's of 1865, 107¾; do '67, 107¾; 10-40's, 104¾; new 5's 102½; New York Central, 92; Erie 26; do preferred 44½.

FRANKFORT, January 27.—Bonds 87½.

PARIS, January 28.—Rentes 62f. 47½c.

Wool.

BOSTON, January 27.—The demand continues rather limited, manufacturers purchasing only in lots as wanted. Owing to a scarcity of water, the demand from manufacturers is not very urgent, but holders are firm and not disposed to press sales, unless full current prices are obtained. Ohio and Pennsylvania fleeces 50@53c, including all grades from medium to XX; Wisconsin and Michigan fleeces 49@52½c; combing and delaine fleeces in active demand, but supplies nearly exhausted; prices range at 57@60c; super and X pulled in fair demand, and prices range at 49@55c.

COMMERCIAL.

Condition of the Markets at Home and Abroad.

DAILY REPORT OF PITTSBURGH MARKETS.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, WEDNESDAY, Jan. 27, 1875.

The fine weather of the past few days appears to have imparted a more cheerful feeling in commercial circles, although there has been no perceptible improvement in general business. The grain trade continues dull and unsatisfactory, and the same is true of groceries; there is a fair demand for the leading product, but the general tone of the market is easier, and we have reduced our quotations slightly. There is an increased demand for general produce, including Butter, Eggs, Apples, etc., etc., but there has not been much improvement in prices as yet. While it is not expected that there will be any very decided improvement in trade during the next month, there is not much doubt but what it will be better than it has been recently.

APPLES—There is an improved demand, but no quotable change in prices, which continue to range from $1.50@2 ₱ bbl for common to good, and $2.25@3.50 for prime to choice.

APPLE BUTTER—50@60c ₱ gal.

BEANS—Sales to the trade at $1.80 ₱ bushel for prime mediums, and prime navies may be quoted at $1.90@2.

BUTTER—The receipts have been comparatively light for some time past, and with an average demand and diminished supply, the market is firmer, and prices, especially for the best grades, are a shade better; sales of prime to choice rolls at 27@30, and medium to good, 20@25c.

CRANBERRIES—$4@$4.50 ₱ bbl.

BUCKWHEAT FLOUR—3@3½c ₱ lb.

CHEESE—Prime Ohio Factory is still quoted at 14½@15c, in a jobbing way; and New York ditto, 17@18c.

DRESSED HOGS—5@5½ ₱ lb.

DRIED FRUIT—There is more inquiry for Apples, and the stock in this market is light, while Peaches continue very quiet; former quotable at $2.50 as to quality, and the latter at $4@9½c for halves.

EGGS—There is perhaps a little more inquiry, but the receipts continue fully equal to the demand; fresh, 27@28c; pickled, 20@22.

FLOUR—The market continues very quiet, and prices remain unchanged. Spring wheat flours, $5.40@5.50 for Wisconsins, and $5.65@5.75 for Minnesotas; winters, $5.50@$5.90 for red and $6@$6.25 for amber and white. Rye Flour, $5.50 to $5.75.

GROCERIES—Coffee—There has been an improvement in business at an advance of ¼@⅝c, according to goods, the market closing strong. The limited supply held in this country being under easy control, owners of cargoes are not disposed to sell unless at their views, which are high. By telegraph we hear that the eastern market is excited to-day, at a still further advance. Sugar—A. Thomson & Co., New Orleans, in a letter to one of our houses, dated the 23d inst., say that "excessive rains and dense fogs have and are restricting arrivals. Sugar is slightly improved for all grades and ¼ better for whites, which are becoming scarce. Choice and strictly prime Molasses continue scarce, while the lower and inferior grades are plenty and dull. Rice firm, but very quiet. The receipts of Sugar and Molasses to this date as compared with last year, are as follows:

	Hhds. Sugar.	Bbls. Molasses.	Half do.
1875	65,664	177,206	5,057
1874	92,520	140,555	4,891
	26,918	36,651	196

Showing quite an increase, but we (they) don't expect much, if any, decline in Molasses, and look for an improvement in Sugar." Teas are buoyant, with very large transactions at full prices, according to quality. The lower and medium grades having appreciated in value the most. Rice steady. Syrups easy.

SUGARS.

Crushed	11¾	Standard B	10⅜
Granulated	11¼	Off Coffee Standard	10¼
Powdered	11¾	Demarara	9⅛@10¼
Standard A	10⅝	Porto Rico	8⅝@ 9¼
N. O. Sugar	8⅝@ 9¼		

SYRUPS.

Sugar house	35@40	Sugar Drips	55@60
Maryland	45	Drips	60@65
Silver Drips	45	Extra Golden	60@70

COFFEES.

Rio Good	21 @22	Fancy Roasted	28
Rio Prime	23 @24	Roasted loose	27⅛
Rio Fancy	25 @26	Roasted Java	40

RICE.

Rangoon ₱ lb	7 @7⅛	Patna ₱ lb	7¼@8
Carolina ₱ lb	8 @8¾		

MOLASSES.

Porto Rico	50@55	New Orleans	72@75
Demarara	60@55		

GRAIN—The grain trade continues dull, but domestic and foreign local trade shows some improvement, and as the demand for some time past has been very meagre, it is evident that stocks in the hands of both retailers and consumers don't be small, and if so, they will soon be obliged to replenish. The market continues slow, notwithstanding the offerings are small, and prices are barely quotable as we continue to quote at $1.15@1.16 for Penna. and $1.17@1.18 for Western spring and white. The Oat market continues dull but not a shade unfixed, 62@63½c; white, 63½@64. As noted in our last quotations, corn is much cheaper for feeders than Oats, and this accounts for the reduction in the value of the latter. Ear Corn is quotable at 57@58c, and shelled at 60@62c, with a good demand. Rye is there is more inquiry for the former than the latter, Rye prices scarce and in demand; quotable at 90@$1.10. Barley dull and nominal.

HAY—Baled continues in good supply and dull, but unchanged; ranging from $20@22 ₱ ton, as to quality.

HOMINY—$4½@4¾ ₱ bbl.

MEAL FEED—Bran is quotable by the carload, on track, at $1.10@1.12; Shorts and Shipstuffs at $1.25@1.25, and Middlings at $1.40@1.50.

ONIONS—$3@4 ₱ bbl.

POTATOES—Continue slow but unchanged; Peach Blows, on track, by the carload, 80@85, and in a jobbing way, 90@$1.

PROVISIONS—There is a continued fair jobbing demand, but no change to note in prices.

Hams—Extra S. C. ₱ lb	13½	Lard-Prime Leaf in tierces	14½
Shoulders, Ex S. C.	10	Do., half barrels	14¾
Lard Bacon, S. C.	13½	Do., kegs	15
Dried Beef, Ex. Su-gar Cured, old	15	Do., in ½ bbls	
Beef Tongues Sugar Cured, ₱ doz	45@50	Do., in ¼ bbls	
Bacon Shoulders	9	Do., 5 ₱ lb	17½
Do., Sugar Cured	11½	Do., 10 ₱ pail	17¾
Clear Sides	12	Do., 5 ₱ lb	17½
Mess Pork, ₱ bbl	$20.50	Do., 6 ₱ lb	17¾
Hams, Sugar Cured	14	Do., 10 ₱ lb	17¾
Lard Oil, per gal	$1.10	Cheese, per lb	17
Carbon Oil	19½		

SEEDS—$1.90@2.25 ₱ bush.

SEED—Clover Seed quotable at $6.75@6.50 to the trade, and 6.75 in a jobbing way. Timothy Seed, $2.75@3 ₱ bushel, as to quality, and dull.

RAGS—Quiet and unchanged; regular sales at 2½@3 cts for good mixed, woolen ½c ₱ lb.

SWEET POTATOES—$3.50 ₱ bbl.

TALLOW—Country rendered is quoted steady at 7½c, city rendered 8½c, with a good demand.

PITTSBURGH LIVE STOCK MARKET.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, WEDNESDAY, Jan. 27, 1875.

PITTSBURGH CENTRAL STOCK YARDS.

ARRIVALS.

The arrivals of live stock at these yards from and including Sunday up until noon to-day weres known, have been light to afford a comparison with those of the corresponding time last week since.

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Sunday	69 cars.	54 cars.	17 cars.
Monday	61 "	22 "	2 "
Tuesday	41 "	25 "	27 "
Wednesday	28 "	14 "	15 "
Total	234 "	102 "	61 "
Same time last week	297 "	72 "	61 "

GENERAL FEATURES OF THE MARKET.

The cattle trade opened up very dull, the best drivers of which sold but slowly and including Monday up until noon to-day only aggregated 979 head, against 1,884 during the corresponding time last week, and prices are off from an ¼ to a ½ of a cent on the best and ¾ to ¼ on the common and medium grades. There was one small bunch of extra cows at 7¼, but dealers generally regarded 7c as the top of the market, and we do not believe that anything of a lot could have been sold for more money. The range of the market may be given at 3½ to 7c for old scalawag cows to extra 1,500 steers. The hog trade on Monday was little better to-day than yesterday, the arrivals last night and this morning having been lighter than was generally expected, but prices are $2 to 25c per 100 lbs lower than with the close last week. Prime 160 to 165 ₱ sleep quotable at 6@6¼. The general tone of the market for hogs was also little firmer to-day, as compared with the unfinished receipts, but there has no quotable change to report in prices. Philadelphia hogs, 7.25@7.40 for Yorkers, and Yorkers and Philadelphia 6¾@6¾.

DRIVERS, DUCK & DRUM, Commission Dealers in Cattle, Hogs and Sheep, report the market as follows:

CATTLE.

The market has been very dull thus far this week, there is only a fair attendance of buyers, and the most of those that are here, especially those from Philadelphia, complained of dull and unsatisfactory markets, hence they are "bearish," and allege that unless they can buy cheaper than they have for some time they did last week, they will buy but very few. Thus far there have been but little over one-half the number sold as compared with the same time last week, and while there has not been so much of a decline on prime heavy cattle, as the supply of this kind is light, the common and medium grades are quoted down from ½ to ¾ a cent ₱ lb. It is difficult to say anything definite in regard to the prices of prime cattle, as there are very few of this kind here, and, thus far, the operations have been confined chiefly to the commoner grades, but there is no question but what the general tone and feeling of the market is not as favorable to sellers as it has been. There were about forty-six cars here from Sunday up until noon to-day, as compared with the same time last week, and but for this trade would no doubt be worse than it is. Following are the ruling

QUOTATIONS.

Prime 1,450@1,500 ₱ lb steers, even and smooth.....6.75@7.00
Prime 1,300@1,400 steers.....6.25@6.50
Good 1,100@1,200 steers.....5.50@5.75
Medium steers, as to quality.....4.50@5.00
Old cows and stags.....2.25@3.50

HOGS.

The receipts, especially during the past couple of days, have been light, but trade continues slow, and while there was a slight falling off in the supply here there was no very decided improvement in prices, Philadelphians, however, have been purchasing very sparingly, and had the run been up to an average, the market could not have been otherwise than dull and heavy. To-day the receipts are quite small, and sellers are hopeful of being able to realize better prices within the next day or two, providing the Philadelphians do not come in very freely. Hogs may be fairly quoted at 7.25@7.40, for fair to prime, and 6.50@6.75 for fair to prime Yorkers.

SHEEP.

There was a fair run on Monday but no sales; on Tuesday the receipts were much larger, and the market opened up very slow on all grades; buyers endeavored to force a decline of 25c, but were not successful with last week, and they were partially, if not entirely, successful. To-day, (Wednesday) the arrivals last night and this morning not having been large as expected, there was a better and sharp demand, and as good sheep were but very few on the market in the yards, prices ruled from 4.75@5 for fair to good 250@$5.25 ₱ 6@6½; 90@95 ₱. 5.40@5.60.

All Drafts must be attended to the original shipping bill, and in no case should be drawn for more than two-thirds cost of stock. Please take notice that no Draft and Car Nos. We engage in no speculation. Commissions $10 per car.

BRIGGS, DUCK & DRUM.

Philadelphia Cattle Market.

BEEF CATTLE.—The market for Beef Cattle opened this morning with the usual number of buyers in attendance, but at no time during the day did they operate with any degree of spirit. The receipts from all sources were larger, by about 1,000 head, than last week, and with a marked absence of demand except for small lines, holders were unable to obtain former prices, and a general reduction of ¾@¾c ₱ lb was made on all grades. This failed to lubricate the machine of business, and the market closed decidedly unsatisfactory to holders. We quote extra at 7¼@7½c; choice at 6¾@7c; fair to good at 5¾@6¼c, and common at 4@5c. Receipts, 2,700 head.

SHEEP.—There was no new feature developed in the market to-day, except that the tone was a little weak. The demand was quite moderate, within the range of prices noted for yesterday, 5¾@6c for fair and good, and 6½@6¾ for common. A small trade was done in Lambs, within the range of the above figures. Receipts, 10,000 head.

HOGS.—A decline in prices stimulated the demand somewhat, and a fair business was done. We quote corn-fed at 6¾@6.75 for common to good, $6.80 for extra. Receipts, 5,000 head.

Foreign.

LIVERPOOL, January 27.—Cotton firmer; middling upland 7¾d; Orleans 7¾d; sales of 10,000 bales, including 2,000 bales for speculation and export, and 8,000 American. Breadstuffs quiet. Bacon, sugar-cured middles 49s 6d. Shoulders 32s. Hams, long clear 52s.

RIVER NEWS.

State of the Rivers, Movements of Steamboats, &c.

OFFICE OF OBSERVATION, SIGNAL SERVICE U. S. ARMY.—DAILY REPORT OF THE STAGE OF WATER, WITH CHANGES IN THE 24 HOURS ENDING 3 P. M.

Stations.	Pittsburgh Above Low water—ft.	Changes in 24 hours—ft.	State of the Weather.	Wind.
Cairo, Ill	10	71	Calm	Hy Rain
Cincinnati, O	9	7	Thtg	
Davenport, Iowa	5	10	—1	Cloudy.
Dubuque	10		NW	Cloudy.
Louisville	9	9	S	Cloudy.
Memphis, Tenn	4		—4	SW Cloudy.
Nashville, Tenn	6	13	—2	SW Cloudy.
New Geneva, Pa	10	3	—1	S Lt Rain
Pittsburgh	7			S Lt Rain
Shreveport, La	19	6	—2	Fair.
St. Louis, Mo	6			Calm Cloudy.
Vicksburg, Miss	10	6	—1	Cloudy.

GEORGE H. ROBE, Sergeant, Signal Service, U. S. A.

The stage of water last evening was seven feet and falling slowly. The weather moderated considerably yesterday, and there was some rain in the afternoon, but the wind appeared to be shifting around to the westward again.

THE towboat Wm. Stone, belonging to Stone Bros., coal dealers, sank on Tuesday night, at Stone's Landing, near McKeesport, in about 15 feet of water. It is not known what caused her to sink, but she went down so quickly and unexpectedly that some of the crew had barely time to get ashore with their lives. It is probable that she can be raised early 5 bills barrels Rosendale Cement.

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PITTSBURGH, FORT WAYNE & CHICAGO R. R.—29 dor brooms curry & Co; 10 bbls 4 sks flour A Coehman; 1 car corn Vulgt M A & Co; 1 car flour H Orris & Co; 1 car p lead Keystone Flint Glass co; 1 car hay J & W Fairley; 11 bdls oil Sinn Bro; 78 pkgs mdse McCune & Co; 1 car lumber Jones & Pr; 7 bbls flour E Aiking; 2 cars o car axels Wm Mailler; 4 bbls flour Hamm.

RECEIPTS AT PITTSBURGH GRAIN ELEVATOR.—3 cars corn J Rose; 1 do Hitchcock Mcc & Co; 1 do Sol Lyon; 1 do barley Rosenbaum & Co; 1 do oats; 1 do oats McHenry & Hyl; 1 do J A Finney; 1 do H J McCracken Bro.

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IMPORTS BY RAILROAD.

CLEVELAND AND PITTSBURGH RAILROAD—7 gstones S Adem; 1 car lumber caughey Bros; 1 do Black & S; 1 do Alcott & B; 1 do South Side P Mill Co; 6 bdls Bingham & P; 2 do Paine & Son; 2 bdls J Woodwell & Co; 1 full and 1 bar steel Miller B & P; 1 churn S Hay; 20 half bbls fish Arbuckles & Co; 2 bx wool in sacks Bingham & P; 1 do Ewalt & Co; 1 bx wool Bingham & P; 4 do Ewalt & Co; 1 full Bitch; 5 bxs compounds Harris & E; 6 do G A Kelly & Co; 1 pkg to paint Paine & S; 4 iron levers 2 bxs iron 1 w frame J T Morse; 1 pkg mdse Adams Co; 100 ½ bbls fish 60 do Watt L & Co; 80 bdls oilcloths J Hay & Co; 2 bdls hay J Seiffert & Son; 2 cases matches 25 bxs pipes A Kirkpatrick & Co; 18 cases matches Knox & O; 20 bdls paper Pgh P Mfg Co; 5 bdls paper Woodward & Co.

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LATEST NEWS.

FROM WASHINGTON.

Democrats in the House Blocking Business.

The Necessity for Modifying the Two-thirds Rule Illustrated.

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Irwin Again Testifies in the Subsidy Investigation.

The Navy Department Fire Caused by Incendiarism.

Special to the Pittsburgh Gazette.

WASHINGTON, January 27, 1875.

How the Democrats in the House Block Business.

The wisdom and propriety of Monday's effort on the part of the Republicans in the House to modify the two-thirds rule, and give the control of the House to the majority, was well illustrated by to-day's proceedings. The Democrats have been filibustering all day and evening against the right of the majority to even discuss the Civil Rights bill. It must be borne in mind that the question is not upon the passage of the bill, but upon the mere right claimed by the Republicans to discuss it, which right is denied by the Democrats, who, under existing rules, are able not only to stop all business, but to prevent discussion by dilatory motions and calling the yeas and nays over and over again. Fifty Democrats can thus block all business, and by having relays, can keep up the dead-lock day and night, to the end of the session if they wish.

WASHINGTON, January 28, 1875.

Up to 12:15 to-night the yeas and nays had been called twenty-two times, one hundred and ninety-two members voting on the last call. The galleries are well filled. All are cheerful and quiet on the floor.

The greatest excitement ensued this morning at 12:30 A. M., by Jno. P. C. Shanks, of Indiana, asking unanimous consent to read the Democratic platform and Seventh Commandment, and disorder reigned supreme for half an hour. Mr. Cessna, of Pennsylvania, is in the chair.

2 o'clock A. M.—Mr. Blaine resumed the chair at 1:10 A. M. The yeas and nays had been called twenty-five times up to 1:50 A. M. All is quiet.

Extent of the Treaty-Making Power.

Senator Morrill, of Vermont, promises soon to throw some light upon the long standing controversy between the House and Senate in relation to the extent of the treaty-making power, taking sides with the House. It has been the custom of gentlemen, upon being promoted from the House to the Senate, to think they are posted on just what upon this question—to learn that the treaty-making power embraces a greater variety of subjects than they supposed while they belonged to that body. The Senate Committee on Indian Affairs held, in a report issued some time ago, that the Secret ary of the Treasury could

Increase the Public Debt

at pleasure by printing and issuing bonds of the United States in exchange for other authority than a "treaty" with any one of our Indian tribes,—negotiated in secret by the Indian Bureau and secretly ratified by the Senate—when perhaps six more Senators were Senators were present. It was held in the report in question that an Indian or other treaty needs no sanction other or different from those inherent in its own stipulation, signress, and that the Secretary of the Treasury needs no other authority for the issue of bonds of the United States.

In response to the demand for the bonds authorized by the treaty, Secretary Boutwell flatly refused to act, and addressed a letter to Congress in which he said: "I foresee that bonds issued under such circumstances would be questionable security, and would consequently depreciated in the market. I therefore respectfully submit to Congress for such action as may be thought proper."

And the matter stands to this day. The bonds have not been issued. Some future Democratic Secretary of the Treasury will make short work of the job, unless the question is settled one way or another.

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WASHINGTON, January 27, 1875.

The Subsidy Investigation.

Irwin, before the Ways and Means Committee to-day, read a statement, showing that he received $800,000 on account of the subsidy. With the exception of $50,000 which the Pacific Mail Compay gave to him, but which he denied in the absence of vouchers, the balance unaccounted for is $85,000.

A long examination followed, but nothing new was elicited concerning the $5,000 received by Donn Piatt from Abert. Irwin testified that Platt asked him for a loan of $5,000, and offered his note. The money was subsequently handed to Piatt by Abert. Witness had no recollection of the manner in which this note was paid, but was under the impression that it was paid by a deposit to his credit in New York.

In the course of the examination concerning this matter, Irwin advised the committee to send for three or four of his clerks, who might be able to give the desired information, and sarcastically remarked that this would not cost the Government more than $10,000.

The Navy Department Fire.

An examination of the cellar of the Navy Department shows that arrangements had been made yesterday to burn the building. Trains of rope and waste paper were laid about the floor connecting with piles of chips, shavings and broken-up kindling wood. The fire is believed to have been the act of an incendiary. The detectives are at work.

Civil Rights.

The National Committee of the Civil Rights League (colored,) have presented an address to the Senate Committee on Judiciary, demanding the passage of the Senate bill in its entirety, and admission of colored persons to all schools, hotels, public conveyances, etc.

Abolishing Navy Yards.

The Senate Committee on Naval Affairs to-day agreed to the report of the sub-committee, recommending that the navy yards at Washington, Philadelphia and New London be abolished.

HARRISBURG.

Both Houses at Work Again—Interesting to Presbyterians—Regulating the Doctors—Municipal Elections—The Attorney General's Compliments to Pittsburgh Aldermen.

Special to the Pittsburgh Gazette.

HARRISBURG, January 27, 1875.

Back Again.

There was a pretty full representation in both Houses when they were called to-gether this evening, and the members went to work as though the recess had infused fresh vigor into them, and animated them with a healthy desire to fairly earn their salary allotted to them. The work, however, still goes on slowly, and there is not much prospect of an early adjournment.

SENATE.

The following bill was taken up on third reading: An act to declare the trustees of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America to be legal successors of the trustees of the Presbyterian House, and to authorize the latter corporation to transfer property held by it to the former. After debate the bill was referred to the Committee on Constitutional Reform.

Some six bills were read the second time and ordered to be transcribed for the third reading, all of which you have published. The following bills were put on first reading:

An act supplementary to an act authorizing married women to sell and transfer the capital stock and extending previous so as to include loans as well as the capital stock of the corporations of this Commonwealth.

An act to provide for the surrender of the franchises of turnpike or plank road companies within the Commonwealth over and upon such portions of their road as may be within the limits of any incorporated city was passed.

A supplement to the act entitled an act to authorize the formation and regulation of railroad companies, approved April 4th A. D., 1868, was passed.

HOUSE.

An election was ordered to fill a vacancy occasioned by the death of Mr. Fagan, of Philadelphia.

An act relative to the establishment and jurisdiction or magistrates courts in Philadelphia.

The bill was put on its second reading and amended by Hulin and Spicer and Faunce of Philidelphia, and occassioned considerable debate and what is known as the compromise bill, finally passed second reading.

A joint resolution, appointing a committee of five members of the Senate and eight from the House, to prepare a bill to regulate medical practice in the State was read.

Mr. GRAHAM'S (Allegheny), act fixing and regulating the term of municipal officers by the people, passed first reading.

Mr. FOSTER (Schuylkill), read in place a bill entitled "An act to repeal the 7th section of an act entitled 'An act for taxation of corporations'" This act repeals all tax on coal. Adjourned.

Pittsburgh Aldermen.

The Attorney General, in conversation, has expressed the opinion that Pittsburgh Aldermen have become intolerable bores, seeking gratis opinions from him, and that all Aldermen whose terms expire one or two years hence, and who go before the people seeking their ballots at the coming election, must resign, or if defeated they cannot further hold on to their offices.

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HOME NEWS.

Pittsburgh Church Guild.

There will be a SPECIAL MEETING in the reading room of the Guild House, Thursday, 28th inst., at 7 o'clock P. M. A full and prompt attendance is earnestly requested.

L. H. HARRIS, President.

Narrow Escape from Drowning.

On Tuesday night about ten o'clock, an intoxicated man named Davis, walked down to the float in the Allegheny river below the Allegheny end of the Suspension bridge, and in the darkness walked into the river. His cries for help were heard by a man named Richielien, who ran to his assistance, and with considerable difficulty, rescued him.

The Allegheny School Teachers.

The Allegheny school teachers are anxious to know when they will get their salaries for this month, as the funds of the Board of Control were all deposited in the Allegheny Trust Company. It is understood that the Board will, at their next meeting authorize their Secretary to make a temporary loan to pay the teachers, until the money deposited in the Trust Company is returned.

Notice.

The Rev. L. H. Abrams, of New York city, will lecture in Third U. P. church, (Rev. Hanna's) Sixth avenue, (and not at Christ M. E. church as incorrectly stated in our issue of Friday,) on Thursday evening, January 28th, 1875, at 7½ o'clock. Theme, "Fashionable Dissipation, or the duty of American Ladies in the Temperance Reform." Tickets 50 cents. Lecture under the auspices of W. C. T. U., for the relief of the suffering of our city.

The Humane Society.

The Secretary of the Humane Society has received notice that the P. S. P. C. A., at Philadelphia, has adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Allegheny County Humane Society is hereby constituted a branch of the Pennsylvania Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, with full power to enact such by-laws for their government as may not conflict with the charter of the parent Society, or with the Constitution of the State or of the United States.

Hall's Safe Triumphant.

If genuine merit is to be considered, the time must soon come when Hall's safes will supersede all others, as the universal testimony is that they are the *summum bonum* of superlative excellence, and that fire, seven times heated, is comparatively harmless as to the injury of their contents We publish on our fifth page a letter of Mr. Isaac Livingston, of Chicago, who has one in his possession which passed through two very destructive fires, while the contents were perfectly preserved. And this is not an isolated case, but one of hundreds conclusively that Hall's safes are so durable in character and construction as to render absolute and perfect protection to that which is entrusted to their custody. Their merits are also attested by the fact that the demand for these safes continue unabated, the firm but recently receiving an order from Baltimore, which is the largest single order ever given in Western Continent. Let Hall's take the belt.

Enterprise Literary Society.

A pleasant entertainment, that attracted a large audience, occurred on Tuesday evening by the Enterprise Literary Society, in the M. E. church on Squirrel Hill. The exercises opened by an introductory lecture on Science by the President, P. E. Hatch, after which the following programme was observed:

Dialogue—"The Old Maid," by the Misses Fisher, Renton and Craig, assisted by Messrs. Craig and Stewart; "Sheridan's Ride," Master Young; "The Necessity for Education," Master Hatch; essays by Miss Craig and Miss Fisher on "Daily Food" and "Daily Dress;" debate on the "The Abolition of Capital Punishment," in which Mr. Hatch spoke in the affirmative and P. E. Hatch in the negative, and the Judges, Messrs. English, Fleming and Kerr, decided in favor of Mr. Hatch; original oration, "Shoulder-arm ment of America," S. W. Stewart; lecture, Master Blashford. The Rinehart Brothers furnished some excellent singing, which of the night was unusual and pleasant treat. Miss Fannie Mair, though young in years, gave a very creditable performance.

Suggestions in the Twelfth Ward.

At a meeting of the Republicans held in the Twelfth ward, January 26, 1875, the following persons were suggested as candidates to be voted for at the primary election, Saturday, February 6th, between the hours of 3 and 7 o'clock P. M.

Alderman—Calvin Bartley, Joseph H. Nobbs, Jas. McKee and Robert Herron.

Select Council—T. W. Welsh and Dr. J. J. Green.

Common Council—(Unexpired term of 1875)—W. S. Bailey and Joseph Speakman.

Common Council for 1876—Chris. Rott, Wm. Sewell, Jas. M. Atcheson, and Gilbert S. Roine.

Constable—George W. Kearns, and James Lewis.

Assessor—James McCune, Sr.

School Directors—First Precinct—Thomas Rosewell, John Spratt, R. H. Atcheson, E. F. A. Hoastings, Joseph H. Hamilton, and Samuel Mitchell.

Judge of Election—First District—S. Mitchell; Second District—James Lewis.

Inspector—First District—Wm. Harbison, and John Baker.

Inspector—Second District—John Roberts, Geo. W. Tanner, J. F. Rivers, and John Paisley.

A Social Entertainment.

Last Tuesday evening was one of unusual interest and pleasure, to a number of ladies and gentlemen, who met in the Wylie avenue U. P. Church. The Ladies' Mite Society of this church took the responsibility upon themselves of carpeting the church, and in the short space of five months, by their earnest and untiring efforts, accomplished their work. Being somewhat delighted over their success, they invited a number of the gentlemen of the congregation to meet with them and review the work of the past, and to make arrangements for future use of the same. The Society had everything so perfectly arranged, that none of the invited guests suspected anything, except the Pastor, who understood client was to be the honor, in a few remarks. Messrs. Jno. Semple, R. W. McMillen, James M. Todd and D. R. Ingram. After the organization, Rev. W. H. Knox undertook his task cheerfully, and in his usual manner, accompanied with very appropriate remarks. All of the guests were utterly taken by surprise, and in turn thanked the Society for the handsome presents received at their hands. When Mr. Ingram, for the gentlemen, in a few words stated that there was still a pleasing task which he had been invited by the ladies present to perform, he also referred to many little episodes in the past but short history of the church, which had a tendency to encourage each other in the work; and turning to Mr. Knox, who was enjoying the joke on the other recipients, he presented him with a beautiful dressing gown. This was the crowning of the presentations of the evening, and in a few minutes after, all present were invited to a room prepared for the occasion, with tables spread with the luxuries of the season—this part of the surprise being heartily enjoyed by all present.

This was only one of many such meetings enjoyed by the members of this church, and we hope that they will have the desired tendency of encouraging each other in the work which they have taken upon themselves to do.

ALLEGHENY WATER BASIN.

Another Inspection—It Must be Improved.

The Water Committee of Allegheny Councils met at the City Building in Allegheny yesterday afternoon and proceeded to the water basin on Troy Hill, to make a thorough examination of its condition. After spending some time in its examination, the committee examined the plans prepared for its improvement by City Engineer Davis, and it was unanimously decided to recommend to Councils at their meeting this evening that they be repaired and improved according to the plans, as soon as possible.

A CARD.

Not All High-Priced.

The impression seems to prevail that the seats at Library Hall for the opera of the "Bohemian Girl," to be given this evening, by the Gounod Club, for the benefit of the Ladies' Relief Association have all been purchased. This is incorrect. Those who purchased high-priced seats have done so simply to swell the proceeds and thus aid in relieving the prevailing distress. There are still a large number of desirable seats at the regular price, $1.00, unsold, and we urge the public to come forward and secure them, as the cause is worthy of the most generous support. Come one and all, and fill the house to its utmost capacity.

THE CENTENNIAL TEA PARTY.

A Project that Promises Well—A Glimpse at the Manner in Which it is to be Conducted.

The ladies will be pleased to learn that the arrangements for the approaching Centennial Tea Party are progressing favorably, and that the project is assuming definite shape. It promises to be one of the most interesting affairs that ever occurred in Pittsburgh, and one to be long remembered, too. Mrs. S. Jones, who is prominent in the movement, has gone to Philadelphia in its interest, and for the purpose of gathering such information as may prove useful in making it a success. She will also visit Washington City before returning. As has already been stated, the party will be held in Library Hall. It is proposed to have thirteen tables, named after and representing the thirteen original States of the Union. Each table will be attended by a certain number of ladies, who, it is proposed but not yet settled, will be required to furnish all that it will contain. The cups and saucers are to be manufactured specially for the occasion, and will be ornamented with the word "Centennial." After the affair is over they will be sold. Centennial medals will also be offered for sale. There is no doubt but that the ladies will devise many ingenious methods by which to raise money. The party will take place soon after Easter, thereby affording plenty of time in which to perfect plans.

SEWICKLEY WATER WORKS.

A History of the Enterprise—The Success Attending It—The Comparatively Small Cost—The Borough Well Supplied With Pure, Soft Water.

We have received a neat pamphlet copy of the first annual report of the Water Commission of Sewickley, which gives in detail the history of the water works which is now the pride of the borough.

An intelligent correspondent, who was familiar with the facts, recently contributed a series of letters to the GAZETTE, in which a pretty full account of the enterprise was given, and the attendant success, but a few extracts from the report will be of interest, in giving a recapitulation of what has been done, and as showing what can be done by any rural corporation, under proper management.

THE ORIGIN.

The project for supplying water for the borough, first agitated in 1872, contemplated obtaining a supply from the Ohio, but after a long continued series of meetings, and discussion of the subject, the commissioners decided to make Peebles run the source of supply, as more free from impurities than the river. Seventy-two acres of land were purchased, and a dam constructed for a reservoir capable of containing 4,000,000 gallons.

The prices for all earth excavation, clearing, grubbing, rolling, ditching, etc., forty-six cents per cubic yard, for solid rock, one dollar per cubic yard; for soiling and seeding, eighty cents per cubic yard. All material suitable for puddling taken from the excavation was deposited on the slopes.

The work was all let by separate contract, and was pushed forward as rapidly as possible, and the work was completed so that water could be let into the reservoir in October, 1874.

THE RESERVOIR.

This is a good, substantial piece of work. The embahkments are wide and firm, made of the best material, and well rolled, and have been constantly carted over for months. They appear to be firmly settled, and no solid as any natural ground. About eight feet of the basin is below the surrounding territory. There is not the least evidence of leak or defect, although there is now about ten feet of water in it—1,800,000 gallons. The water from the run and springs is now constantly going in, and the water is slowly but steadily rising in the basin, although a good deal of water is being consumed. Its capacity is over 4,000,000 gallons, up to the line of the overflow pipe. All the water from the run and springs is intended to pass through the reservoir, except in case of an extraordinary freshet, when provision is made for carrying it over the dam. This will seldom occur. If there is more water passing into the basin than is consumed, when it is full, it will pass off through the overflow pipe twenty feet from the bottom.

PIPE LAYING.

In the meantime while the reservoir was in process of construction, the work of pipe laying was carried on. A contract for laying pipes was closed on the 8th of August, 1873, with Mr. Joseph Miller Jr., and laid so as to be four feet from the top of the pipe to the top of the ground, and the joints made of lead in the most approved manner. The contractor laid about three miles in 1873, and the remainder was attended to in 1874. So far no leaks have been discovered. The contract included digging, laying with lead joints and filling in, the pipe being delivered on the street. There were in all four and two-thirds miles of pipe laid.

THE DAM.

The dam is situated in a gorge of the run, 274 feet from the base, and sufficiently elevated to give the water a good head. The incline, to the reservoir, where it enters twenty feet from the bottom. One piece fifteen inch iron pipe is used at the dam, and one at the reservoir, the rest is all four pipe between. The water weir at the dam, which is one side of the gorge, is strongly constructed of heavy dressed stone, resting on a deep and firmly constructed foundation. In this weir are six plates of grids of different sized meshes, to intercept any rubbish or leaves. The dam runs from the weir to the opposite side, and is a little lower than the top of the weir, and its crest is made of heavy dressed stone. The up-stream side sloped off gradually and rip-rapped with stone. The basin of the dam is puddled and paved with brick; two layers laid in cement, up to the top of the crest of the dam, and as far up the stream as the water backs when the dam is full. A four inch pipe is laid under the dam, with a stop gate, by which the water can be let off, and the dam washed out, but this will involve a very short time. As long as the water flowing into the dam will pass through a fifteen inch pipe, no water will pass over the dam, and this may not happen ten times in a year.

THE WATER WAS LET INTO THE BASIN

about the middle of October, and in to the distribution pipes early in November, and is now used by a number of families, and formules are being applied for nearly every day. Some thirty-five or forty have already been put in, and the water promises to be in general use by the first of April next, to which date the Commissioners deferred the charging of water rents.

CHARACTER OF THE WATER.

The water is pure and soft, at least soft enough for use for all purposes. Owing to the great amount of lime used in the basin the water at present is more or less affected by it, but that effect will soon pass away, when the water will be about like river water for use. It is purely pure and soft, of no question. Even after a hard rain the water in the run is but little discolored, as it is filtered by passing over the grass and underground, and through the sides of hills which bound the run on all sides.

COST OF THE WORK.

Paid for 72 acres, 88.48 perches of land	$10,789 70
Paid for excavation	6,317 77
Paid for puddling, concrete paving, &c.	8,041 93
Paid for bricks	2,925 55
Paid for water pipes	18,058 62
Paid for laying pipes	5,223 50
Paid for fittings	2,102 57
Paid for engineers	2,651 57
Paid for castings, stop valves, &c	579 57
Paid for cement, lead, and Terra Cotta pipe	595 75
Paid for hauling	153 00
Paid for hauling	193 25
Paid for labor, stone, brick and carpenter work	993 46
Paid for attorneys' fees, viewers, taxes and recording deeds	129 20
	$68,667 99

The Commissioners also say that all the work was done with strict regard to the contract, and that everything passed off amicably, there being no dispute with any one, and all having finished the work satisfactorily.

EXTENDING THE FACILITIES.

The Commissioners, in conclusion, say: The basin, drain and pipes (nearly five miles in length) have cost for their completion about sixty thousand dollars, but twelve thousand more will be required to extend the mains as far as furnish water to every taxpayer. For this purpose it is proposed to ask for authority to issue additional bonds. On this subject the report reads:

The constitution now limits the indebtedness of municipalities to seven per cent. upon the assessed valuation of its taxable property, which debars all special legislation on the subject.

THE BOROUGH VALUATION.

The assessed valuation of the borough of Sewickley is $3,883,520, which seven per cent. on this amount is $269,013.50. Our indebtedness being $60,000, leaves us a margin of $209,813.50 on the present assessed valuation of taxable property.

It is suggested that the people vote upon the question of incurring the debt, as proposed, on the third Tuesday of February.

At a meeting of the Commissioners, held December 1, 1874, all the members being present, the following resolution was unanimously adopted, to wit:

"Resolved, That all persons who shall pay their water rent in advance for the year shall be allowed an abatement of fifty per centum."

The report is signed by Messrs. T. H. Nevin, J. W. F. White, Wm. Harbaugh, D. N. White, Robert Watson, Commissioners.

EXTENDING.

A public meeting of the citizens of the borough was held on Tuesday evening, at which the proposition of the Commissioners to have bonds issued to the amount of $80,000 to extend the pipes, was discussed and decided upon favorably, and Burgess Woodburn was authorized to issue a proclamation to the effect that at the next election of borough officers in February, this question to be submitted to a popular vote.

The whole work has been exceedingly well managed, and the Commissioners deserve the highest commendation for the manner in which they have discharged their trust.

TERRIBLE DEATH.

A Man Almost Instantly Killed.

About eight o'clock on Tuesday evening a man by the name of Edward McCormick, who was employed in J. Painter & Sons mill, on the South Side, was in the act of pulling open the door of a furnace with a hook and tongs, when his hold slipped, and he fell back upon a fly wheel which was in rapid motion. His body was thrown against the steam pipe with such violence as to break it in twain, and the room was instantly filled with scalding steam. The man was found lying on the ground with his head and body crushed and both legs broken, besides being severely scalded. He was totally unconscious, and lived scarcely any time after the accident. The unfortunate man had only been in the employ of the firm a day or two, and evidently did not realize the danger he was subjecting himself to, when he attempted to open the door. An inquest was begun on the remains yesterday morning, and the evidence showed that the fly-wheel into which the deceased had fallen, was protected by a railing almost entirely around it, and that the open space where he had fallen, was for the purpose of gaining access to the machinery for oiling it, and for starting the wheel when it is necessary to use a lever for that purpose. The whole testimony taken went to acquit the firm of any carelessness in the protection of the wheel. The inquest was postponed until this evening, when it will be concluded. The deceased was twenty-seven years of age, an Irishman by birth, and lived in Chartiers township. He leaves a wife and two children to mourn his untimely end.

European Steamship Arrivals.

A dispatch received at Max Schamberg's European Steamship, Exchange and Telegraph office, at No. 163 Smithfield street, announces the arrival of the steamer Republic at New York; Canada at New York; Gaelic at Queenstown; Illinois at Philadelphia; Bolivia at Moville.

PROCLAMATION POTHER.

Opinions of the Press—What Our Contemporaries Have to say About It—Interesting Extracts From Yesterday's Papers.

[From the Dispatch.]

Last evening a representative of this journal, in conversation with Messrs. Marshall and Woods, called their attention to the ridiculous insinuation that the proclamation was useless if not appearing in the official papers. Both of these gentlemen poohpoohed it, and stated emphatically that any other form of publication would answer all purposes if this could not be had. "Why," said Mr. Marshall, in effect, indignant at the supreme nonsense of such a proposition, "You don't mean to say that a proclamation is to be prevented in this way? That would be equivalent to permitting your official printer to vest himself with the power of dictatorship." But what need to cite testimony in support of a fact so well established and widely known everywhere, that the willful neglect or refusal of a public officer to attend to his functions cannot deprive the people of their rights.

(From the Evening Chronicle.)

"The law does not require the official papers to publish the [Mayor's] proclamation. An unofficial paper will answer quite as well."—*From editorial in Monday's Dispatch.*

"Extract from City Code, page 244: 'Section 1. The Mayor *shall* give at least ten days' public notice, by *advertisement in the newspapers authorized to publish city advertisements*, of the annual city election, and five days' notice *in the same manner*, of all special elections.' "—*Tuesday's Chronicle.*

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"The reporters of the afternoon papers were on the alert to ascertain why the document did not appear. The only reason given by the official papers for declining to publish the proclamation, was that they had already published one in compliance with the directions of Mayor Blackburn, and that the law required they had performed their duty unless the Court would decide that a new election was necessary.

[From the Commercial.]

Whether the official papers will print the document, or whether the question of compensation will further delay its publication, are questions which time must determine. The notice, so far as time is concerned, need not appear until two weeks yet, as the election is more than twenty days off. It is not safe to predict anything in a matter so uncertain as the issuing of this proclamation. It may appear this morning, or it may not appear at all; and it does not matter a pinch of snuff whether it appears or not.

The proposition by the *Dispatch* to print it gratuitously, if refused by the official organs, does not mend matters a whit, as its publication in that paper would be no more a compliance with the law than if it appeared in the Monongahela *Gazette*. The ordinance requires its publication "in the newspapers authorized to publish city advertisements."

(From the Evening Telegraph.)

Yesterday it was announced that the Mayor's proclamation would not appear in the official, or at least in the unofficial papers, this morning, but it seems that certainty was built on a sandy foundation, as no proclamation appeared.

In order to ascertain the cause, our representative called on Judge Mellon, who expressed his surprise, but stated that the Taxpayers' Union having placed the Mayor's proclamation in the hands of the official printers their duty ended, and they would have nothing more to do with it. "If the proclamation is smuggled or is not published, the hands of any former participation in the matter. If the people can stand it I can."

Reporter—Would it be of any legal effect if published in the papers not official.

Judge Mellon—I believe not.

The editor of the *Freiheits Freund*, the German official organ, was next visited, and Mr. Neeb, one of the proprietors, was asked what he knew about the proclamation. He replied that he left the office at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, and knew nothing of what transpired subsequent to that time. Somebody, he did not know whom, called in the afternoon to make some inquiries about it. Mr. "Somebody" went off with Harry Leech, and that was all he knew. Nothing was done, if anything, deponent knew not. No proclamation had come there so far as he knew. If an authorized proclamation, or other official paper came there, or a proof of the same from the GAZETTE, it would be published, but he thought nothing of that kind had come. The business manager was interrogated with about the same result.

Our reporter next wended his way to the GAZETTE office, and on ascending to the third floor of that venerable pile which rears its front in awful majesty at Sixth avenue and Smithfield street, was ushered into the presence of the "Proclamation Editor," D. L. Fleming, Esq. Over the door was the following inscription:

"Proclamations that enter here leave hope behind."

Mr. Fleming, on being interrogated concerning the document, frankly stated that he had the proclamation in his drawer, and they would publish it at the proper time. He was legally advised that it was not necessary to publish proclamations before, and until ten days before the election; Mr. Powers and another gentleman had called to get the proclamation, but having received no official paper from the Mayor, he felt justified in surrendering it to the non-official parties such as the "Taxpayers' Union."

The interview here terminated.

A *Telegraph* reporter ran across T. M. Marshall, Esq., at the Court house this morning and immediately fired a proclamation conundrum at him. The reporter asked, Mr. Marshall, how about the proclamation now—what is the reason it didn't appear this morning?

Mr. Marshall—the reason is just this—the "ins" have got more money than the "outs," and besides, is there any probability of its being issued soon?

Mr. M.—Yes; the taxpayers will have it out to-morrow certainly. It is their intention to make a demand upon the GAZETTE to-day for the proclamation.

Mr. Marshall continued to say that if the taxpayers wanted to make application, a *mandamus* on the GAZETTE could be procured, compelling the publication of the proclamation. Mr. M. holds that it is by no means absolutely necessary that the proclamation appear in the official papers.

(From the Evening Leader.)

This afternoon a *Leader* reporter had a talk with Judge Mellon, one of the proprietors of the GAZETTE, relative to the Mayor's proclamation. That gentleman stated that they would print the proclaim ten days before the time of election, which would make the publication appear on the sixth of February, five days after Mr. McCarthy—unless something fresh prevents—takes possession of his office. Mr. Fleming says the ordinance requires ten days' publication of the proclamation before the election, and that it is at the option of the paper whether it publishes the proclamation for more than ten days or not. In the present instance the GAZETTE "sees fit" to publish the proclamation for ten days.

Mr. Fleming says that when the proclamation was handed to the GAZETTE office it did not consider that there was any agreement to publish the document to-day at all, and he did not understand that any promise was made to that effect.

Judge Mellon said Mr. Powers to-day called at the GAZETTE office to see if they intended to publish it. They were told that it would be presented in that paper ten days before the election, and not sooner. Mr. Powers then demanded the document for the purpose of having it printed in the other papers. The demand was refused for the reason that they had no order from the Mayor, and had no right to receive it. A couple of the Taxpayers' Union will call on the Mayor this afternoon, so Judge Mellon says, to get an order for the document. If that is produced they will print it. It is quite certain they will get the paper out of the GAZETTE office. The GAZETTE, if it considers it an official document, will likely refuse even the Mayor's order, claiming that it is the official custodian of the paper after it passes into its hands, and that the Mayor now nobody else can. The Taxpayers' Union may have a copy of it published, however, notwithstanding, in the unofficial papers to-day.

Judge Mellon said this afternoon that he believed the object of the official papers in holding the proclaim back until ten days before the election, was that "they expected Mayor Blackburn to die in the meantime, and that that fact would change the aspect of affairs."

BUSINESS ON 'CHANGE.

Yesterday's Operations at the Chamber of Commerce.

The attendance at the Chamber of Commerce yesterday was very good. At nine o'clock the doors were opened and telegrams commenced coming in from all the large cities in the Union, indicating the condition of the grain, cattle, petroleum, gold and stock markets and the stage of the rivers at various points. The quotations as fast as they arrived were bulletined on the blackboard and were read with interest. The first transaction of the day was the purchase by Marshall, Kennedy & Co. of 2,000 bushels of wheat, on private terms, from Messrs. Galley & Sons of Ogville, Ohio. Numerous samples of grain, flour and other articles were exhibited and several sales were made. The Corn Exchange will, on Monday next, decide whether or not they will abandon their present place of business and have all their transactions take place at the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce. The following dispatch was received from Cincinnati:

CINCINNATI, January 26, 1875.

Thos. M. Howe, President of the Chamber of Commerce.

The Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce thanks you for your dispatch, just received, informing it of the successful opening of your Chamber of Commerce, and very heartily congratulates you upon your auspicious beginning. That it may greatly promote the prosperity of your enterprising and growing city is the sincere wish of this Chamber.

C. M. HALLOWAY, President.

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THE CITY HALL COMMISSION.

A Bill of Exceptions Filed Against its Accounts—The Specifications—City Controller and Treasurer Examined Concerning Old Accounts.

The Auditors appointed to inspect the accounts of the City Hall Commission held another meeting yesterday morning. The members present were Messrs. Veech, Bailey and Miller, assisted by Messrs. Mellon and King, of the Taxpayer's Union. In reply to a question by Judge Veech as to whether he had prepared a plot of any territory which has not yet been explored Mr. Mellon submitted the following which was read by Mr. Bailey.

BILL OF EXCEPTIONS:

The committee suggested by the Taxpayers' Union and Common Council, to examine the accounts of the City Hall Commission, respectfully submit the following objections to accounts of the Commission now before the auditors:

First—Publishing the act of Assembly appointing the Commission, in the different papers as an advertisement, was an unauthorized expenditure.

Second—Extending the building over and upon the postoffice lot, belonging to the United States, with full knowledge of the fact of ownership, and building to plans requiring the offices on the different stories on the south end of the building to be lighted and ventilated from the postoffice ground, was reckless folly, unauthorized by law, and calculated to compel the city either to pay for the postoffice lot an exorbitant price, or have the City Hall building disfigured, and the south end of it rendered useless.

Third—The interest account is exorbitant, and no necessity for many of the items composing it has been shown. The Commissioners ought to be compelled to show the monthly balances which they had in the City Treasury, subject to draft.

Fourth—The Commission ought to be charged with the profits made on the sale of the city bonds taken by the contractor, which sales were made by one of their number at a profit of four and one-half per cent. over the regular prices charged by Townsend, Wheelen & Co., the bond brokers. We do not make this objection on the ground of its being morally wrong for the Commission to have done so, but on the legal principle that whoever has made a profit by any one in a fiduciary capacity belongs to the trust, and no one holding a trust can act as a trustee, and also in his individual capacity concerning the same matter. The bonds were to be sold at par, and requiring contractors to take them at par with the knowledge that they must suffer discount at the hands of one of the Commission to convert them into money, was an evasion of the law.

WHAT SHOULD BE DONE.

Fifth.—The Commission should be charged with the enormous loss occasioned to the city by their reckless disregard of the principle that all public work or supplies of the kind, should be given to the lowest responsible bidder. The work was let to favorite contractors, and in some of the heaviest contracts at more than double what other responsible contractors proposed to do the work for, and the only apparent grounds for preference would seem, from examination of some of the contractors before the auditors, to have been their ability for silence, or utter forgetfulness of the entire transaction.

Sixth—The contract made by the Commission with Hasbrook was an unlawful one, putting him in the position that the more he made the building cost, the more he made for himself, and then giving him his choice of contractors and materials, made the matter worse.

Seventh—The account exhibited by the committee is incomplete in this, that it does not present any account of the large sums expended upon the furniture. The commission, as is shown, was intrusted by Councils with the expenditure of this money, and drew their warrants on the Treasury for it from time to time, and therefore must have an account of it which they do not present.

Eighth—The City Hall furniture is of so fragile and delicate a quality, as to be unsuited for a public building, and is so costly as to be in strange contrast with the supposed simplicity of republican institutions, and the unnecessarily large sums, claimed to have been expended for it, should be inquired into by the auditors.

Submitted on behalf of the committee.

THOMAS MELLON,
ALEXANDER KING.

TELLING WHAT THEY KNOW.

Mr. Bailey suggested that those who have knowledge of any matters pertaining to the future, &c., for City Hall be requested to step forward and tell what they know. Controller Snodgrass was examined by sworn and testified as follows: Am Controller, and have been since November. Have not been books in my office showing the balances of the City Hall Commission; know nothing of Mr. Allinder's books; have some of Mr. Cochran's books, but none concerning City Hall—not going City Treasurer's books should be placed in the hands of the Controller; have looked for them, (Mr. Allinder's books,) but could not find them. The statement of transactions in Mr. Allinder's terms could be shown by the account current of the Treasurer and the Day Book and Ledger of the Controller; am almost positive we have ledgers as far back as that time. The Commission was created under a special act and the Treasurer had entire control of the same. Mr. Snodgrass retired to see whether there was any return on the Controller's books at the time stated, and the City Building fund. He returned in a few moments and said the accounts were kept by the Treasurer and City Hall Commission; know nothing about them; Councils have approved the bills for City Hall furnishing for the last nine months; the appropriation last year was $5,000; can't tell from memory the entire cost of furnishing City Hall.

NO BOOKS OR PAPERS.

C. L. Magee, City Treasurer, gives his evidence as follows: There are no books in my office showing a settlement of the years 1867 and 1868; have not searched, but directed the clerks to do so; have a recollection of seeing Mr. Allinder's books in 1869; there was a separate account kept for city building fund; the books or papers in my office now that would show that; the balance turned over by Mr. Allinder to his successor would appear; the books of my successor, Mr. Bruce, ought to be in the hands of the Treasurer, but Mr. McGowan at one time made a demand for these back books, which were turned over to him. I have no personal account of Allinder's; Allinder went out of office January 31, 1869. Can furnish you an account as far back as February, 1869—from February to November—if you desire, with temporary loans made subsequently, which will show what Allinder had in his hands when his term expired.

This was considered satisfactory, and the Board adjourned to meet again on Friday morning.

AMUSEMENTS.

Pittsburgh Opera House.

"Mr. Marc, the Soldier of Fortune," was played last night, Mr. Sothern acting in the title character. This role called for acting of a different sort than he displayed on either of the preceding evenings, but he fitted the part well, and was loudly applauded. He particularly exhibited his power and magnetism in the act where *Therese* endeavors to win him from his wife, during which he was partially forced by machinations to believe that she loves the *Prince Lorenzo*. The scene culminates by *St. Mare* extorting from the deceiving *Therese* a confession that she had maligned the lady *Diamore*, (Mrs. Davenport) and so intense and exciting did it prove that the curtain unrolled amidst the greatest applause. Mr. Morrison is fully equal to portraying the character of *Gismondo*, a fanatic, but he did it so faithfully and truthfully that too much praise cannot be bestowed on it. The support rendered by the company was very good, but once or twice Mr. Elbridge failed to give the signal to come on. We reproduce the cast as follows:

St. Marc	Mr. E. L. Davenport
Gismondo, (a Fanatic)	Mr. Lewis Morrison
Pilanova	Mrs. E. L. Davenport
Prince Lorenzo	Mr. L. J. Elbridge
Count Rosario	Mr. W. F. Owen
Belmatre, (Minister of Finance)	Mr. T. F. Egbert
Paul Vidcal, (a Judge of Law)	Mr. R. R. Graham